

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

House Resolution 316, sponsored by Congressmen George Radanovich (R-CA), Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI), Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Frank Pallone (D-CA) and 140 co-sponsors, seeks to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity relating to human rights and ethnic cleansing associated with the Armenian Genocide.

With the full support of Committee Chairman Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Vice Chair Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), the House International Relations Committee approved the legislation on a 40-7 vote, clearing the way for a historic vote on the House Floor.

The bipartisan bill also calls upon the President to accurately characterize the systematic and deliberate annihilation of 1.5 million Armenians as genocide and to recall the proud history of United States intervention in opposition to the Armenian Genocide.

Also approved in the International Relations Committee, on a 35-11 vote with the full support of Committee Chairman Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Vice Chair Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), was House Concurrent Resolution 195 that commemorates the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and urges the Government of Turkey to acknowledge the culpability of the Ottoman Empire and establish rapprochement with the Republic of Armenia and the Armenian people.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the leadership of the House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and the California Congressional delegation supporting House Resolution 316 and House Concurrent Resolution 195.

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